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1. SUMMARY: GOM SUPPORTS DRAFT DECLARATION. ASEAN COUNTRIES WILL DECIDE AFTER TOKYO MEETING WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE IN MTN. GOM EXPECTS THAT ASEAN WILL PARTICIPATE AND WILL MAKE EFFORT TO NEGOTIATE AS A BODY. GSP SHOULD BE HANDLED SEPARATELY FROM MTN. GOM WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE U.S. AND CANADA INTRODUCE GSP.

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2. YEE CHEE FONG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, INTL TRADE DIVISION,
MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY SAYS MALAYSIA AGREES WITH
DRAFT DECLARATION FOR TOKYO MEETING. NEITHER MALAYSIA NOR
OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO RAISE NEW ISSUES AT
MEETING.

3. MALAYSIA, AFTER CONSULTING WITH OTHER LDC, MIGHT PROPOSE
MINOR AMENDMENT OF LAST SENTENCE OF BRACKETED
SECTION 7 OF DRAFT TO DELETE WORD "INTERESTS" AND INSERT
"CHARACTERISTICS" IN ITS PLACE.

4. REGARDING ASEAN, YEE STATES THAT MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT
OF MEETINGS OF ASEAN MEMBERS IN KUALA LUMPUR AND JAKARTA
WAS GETTING AGREEMENT OF ALL MEMBERS TO GO TO TOKYO.
THOSE ASEAN COUNTRIES NOT INVOLVED IN DRAWING UP DRAFT
DECLARATION WERE INITIALLY HESITANT TO ATTEND UPCOMING
MEETING.

5. FOLLOWING TOKYO MEETING ASEAN COUNTRIES WILL MEET AGAIN
TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ENTER MTN. IF ASEAN DECIDES
ENTER MTN, THEY WILL ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE AS A BODY.
BARRING UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS AT TOKYO, GOM EXPECTS
ASEAN TO PARTICIPATE IN MTN.

6. ON GSP, MALAYSIA AND OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS BELIEVE THIS
SHOULD BE SEPARATE ISSUE FROM MTN AS U.S. AND CANADA ARE
ONLY MAJOR COUNTRIES INVOLVED. MALAYSIA WOULD VERY MUCH
LIKE U.S. AND CANADA TO INTRODUCE GSP AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, MALAYSIA AND OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS HAVE
NO RPT NO INTENTION OF RAISING GSP IN TOKYO.

7. GOM FEELS THAT RECIPROCITY PRINCIPLE SHOULD NOT BE APPLIED
IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN DC AND LDC.
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